Duty on arrack and sale of arrack.

127. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether duty on arrack has been raised in the Mukundapuram Taluk during the current year;

(b) whether the sales in the different arrack shops in Chalakkudi have gone down in quantity as a result;

(c) what is the quantity sold in the arrack shops at Chalakkudi during the months of Chingam and Kanni 1106 (respectively) as against the sales in the same shops during these two months last year.

(d) whether the reduction in the quantity of of sale, if any, is due to any other reasons also, and if so, what are those other reasons;

(e) whether the Government are satisfied that the raising of the duty on arrack is one of the most effective steps to bring about reduction in the quantity of consumption of this unholy substance?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The sales so far are less than in the previous year.

(c)

	1106		1105.	
Chalakkudi Range shops	Gal.	Dr.	Gal.	Dr.
	484	24	1461	,,
Chalakkudi Shops	93	24	332	,,

(d) There must be other causes also, but the Government have not enquired.

(e) The raising of duty is considered one of the means of reducing consumption.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I had asked with particular reference to Chingom and Kanni 1106 and 1105. The answer supplied is not that.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is the answer. Those are the figures.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—There is a word 'respectively', I should like to know that.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—For each month separately?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I thought that you wanted for the two months together. The figures given there are for the two months together.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—484 is for the two months?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—And 1461 for the two months in the previous year?

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Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Sale of country liquor at Ernakulam.

128. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be peased to state:—

(a) whether there is a resolution passed by the Municipality concerned and accepted by the Government prohibiting the sale of country liquor within the Municipal limits of the Ernakulam Town ;

(b) whether the Government are taking all possible steps to check and stop the sale of country liquor within the town limits ;

(c) whether the preventive officers have detected any cases of such sale, since the resolution referred to above, was accepted by the Government ; and if so, how many cases ;

(d) whether the department concerned is aware that there are still such sales going on within the Municipal limits ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) There was a resolution from the Ernakulam Municipality recommending that all liquor shops should be abolished from 1099. Government did not accept it, but ordered the removal of all arrack and toddy shops beyond the then limits of the Municipality in 1100.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes. 81 illicit cases.

(d) The department is not aware of any. They are doing their best to detect any malpractices.

Public tanks in Irinjalakkuda.

129. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the necessary masonry work will be put up to prevent the dirt and dry leaves of the paramba adjoining Nourikulam at Irinjalakkuda on the south from being washed into the said tank;

(b) when steps to prevent the flow of storm water into Boothamkulam at Irinjalakkuda will be taken ;

(c) whether any public tank or tanks have been provided for the use of the members of the Ezhuva community at Irinjalakkuda ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon—(a) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

(b) This is being enquired into.

(c) There is no tank in Irinjalakkuda exclusively set apart for Ezhuvas , but the two tanks referred to in the interpellation are meant for the general public and as such the Ezhuvas also can make use of them.

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